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SUBJ: RED RECOMMENDS ESCAP EXECUTIVE SECRETARY VISIT

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1. WE RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT CONSIDER INVITING ESCAP EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JBP MARAMIS AND HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT RUDY GONTHA TO WASHINGTON FOR A BRIEFING AND LUNCHEON AT CONCLUSION ANNUAL REC MEETING AT UN NEW YORK (REFTEL).

2. MARAMIS AND GONTHA LAST VISITED WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER 1973 AT BEGINNING OF THEIR TERM OF OFFICE AND IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL IF MARAMIS COULD AGAIN MEET WITH UNEC TO DISCUSS PAST YEAR BRIEFLY THEN FOCUS ON UPCOMING 31ST PLENARY SESSION IN NEW DELHI AND NEW YEAR AS A WHOLE. HE SHOULD ALSO SEE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN AID. WE WOULD SUGGEST A SMALL LUNCHEON AT ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL SIMILAR TO LAST TIME. WE BELIEVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFOM KNEW MARAMIS WHEN LATTER WAS DELEGATE TO UN NEW YORK.

3. MARAMIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN EXTREMELY FRIENDLY AND HAS GIVEN GENEROUSLY OF HIS TIME TO VARIOUS US REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS. WE BELIEVE OUR PRESENT CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH HIM COULD BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY THE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN HIS VIEWS AND ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ASIAN SITUATION.

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HE HAS NOW VISITED ALL MEMBER STATE CAPITALS EXCEPT FOR LONDON

AND PARIS; HE VISITED MOSCOW AND PEKING IN AUGUST AND OCTOBER 1974
(SEE BANGKOK 14513, 17147 AND A-311 FOR DESCRIPTIONS OF THESE
LATTER TRIPS).

4. IF THE SECRETARY COULD SPARE THE TIME, HE MIGHT FIND THE VIEWS OF
THIS ASIAN LEADER USEFUL AND INTERESTING. (MARAMIS SPENT 45 MINUTES
WITH PRC FOREIGN MINISTER.) DESPITE ARAB, PAKISTANI AND IRANIAN
PRESSURE, MARAMIS STILL MANAGED TO HOLD FIRST UN ENERGY CONFERENCE
IN BANGKOK LAST FEBRUARY. HE CONTINUALLY STRESSES THE THEME OF
INTERDEPENDENCE AT ALL ESCAP COMMITTEE MEETINGS. HE IS A FRIEND OF
THE UNITED STATES, AND WE CERTAINLY NEED ALL WE CAN FIND.
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